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HB 2018/SB 1164 (Chapter 7): schools; audits; financial records; budgets

Modifies reporting procedures for the Auditor General when a school district fails to maintain the Uniform System of Financial Records and alters budget filing procedures for school districts. Requires school districts and charter schools to accept all audits and compliance questionnaires by roll call vote.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2019 (Chapter 252): CTEDs; district governing boards; elections

Allows a petition to be submitted requesting that the question of reducing a school district governing board from five to three members be considered at the next general election if the school district previously increased its governing board to five members. Adds that a person running for election to a career technical education district governing board must have been a resident of that district for at least one year prior to the election.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2020 (Chapter 91): schools; child care; reduced fees

States that a public school may reduce the fee a public school employee pays for child care services if the public school's costs are not grossly disproportionate to the total consideration received from the employee.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2021 (Chapter 414): college course credit; dual enrollment

Directs a school district governing board to award a pupil at least one-half and up to one Carnegie unit for each three semester credit hours the pupil earns in a community college or university course. Removes language that caps the total enrollment of high school freshmen and sophomores in a dual enrollment course to 25%.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2023/SB 1061 (Chapter 2): schools; employees; employment; discipline

Instructs the State Board of Education to adopt rules and procedures for disciplinary action of noncertificated persons and requires the Arizona Department of Education to investigate written complaints alleging that a noncertificated person engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. Mandates that a public school check the educator information system prior to employing a person.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2035 (Chapter 415): NOW: parental rights; sex education instruction

Prohibits school districts and charter schools from providing sex education instruction before the 5th grade. Establishes sex education curricula adoption procedures for school district governing boards and charter school governing bodies, as well as parental review procedures of proposed curricula.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2055 (Chapter 95): career, technical education; projects fund

Adds that a school district's career and technical education (CTE) projects fund (fund) may consist of proceeds from services provided by CTE programs. Expands the permissible uses of fund monies.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2123 (Chapter 373): NOW: school discipline; pupils; suspensions; expulsions

Allows a school district or charter schools to suspend or expel a student in a kindergarten program or the 1st-4th grades only if: 1) the student is at least seven years old; 2) the student engaged in conduct on school grounds that involves a weapon, drugs, the endangerment of others or aggravating circumstances; 3) failing to remove the student would create a safety threat; 4) the school employs alternative behavioral and disciplinary interventions; and 5) the school provides for readmission policies for suspended or expelled students.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2124 (Chapter 416): CTEDs; average daily membership

Authorizes a student enrolled in an approved career technical education district program to generate an average daily membership for instruction received during any hour of the day, any day of week and at any time.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2135 (Chapter 289): NOW: state board; rules; learning outcomes

Instructs the State Board of Education (SBE), by December 1, 2022, to create subject competencies for algebra 1, algebra 2 and geometry after reviewing research and examples and consulting with education experts. Requires SBE to adopt rules by December 31, 2022 to allow students in the 7th-12th grades who demonstrate subject competency to immediately obtain credit for mastery of that subject.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2210 (Chapter 437): school functions; food; beverages

Allows a school district governing board to provide food and beverages at school district events, subject to policies adopted by the Arizona Department of Education, the gift clause of the Arizona Constitution and laws pertaining to travel, subsistence, gifts and grants.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2241 (Chapter 418): schools; instruction; Holocaust; genocides

Directs the State Board of Education to require that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th-12th grades.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2259/SB 1148 (Chapter 11 E): common school districts; unification; budget

An emergency measure that allows the Nadaburg Unified School District (NUSD) to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance for 15 years after a unification election or until a high school is built. Permits NUSD to retroactively adjust its budget for FY 2021.

Effective: February 2, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2268 (Chapter 260): schools; total compensation statements

Instructs each school district governing board and charter school governing body to provide a total compensation statement that is broken down by category of benefit or payment to each employee.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2301/SB 1311 (Chapter 25): CTEDs; letter grades; exclusion

Exempts a career technical education district from being assigned a letter grade.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2373 (Chapter 421): NOW: expenditure limitation; community colleges

Details the state aid penalties for a community college district that exceeds its expenditure limitation in FY 2022.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2402/SB 1178 (Chapter 19): schools; test results; letter classification

Exempts schools, for the 2020-2021 school year, from receiving a letter grade. Instructs the Arizona Department of Education and the State Board of Education (SBE) to collect and publish annual achievement profile data for schools and develop criteria to identify low-performing schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Authorizes SBE to adjust the dates local education agencies are required to receive assessment scores and data if the statewide assessment testing window is altered.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2667 (Chapter 166): county free library district

Allows the board of directors of a county free library district to offer specified information and technology resources and programs.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2705 (Chapter 268 E): schools; dress codes; graduation ceremonies

An emergency measure that prohibits a public school from establishing a dress code policy that prevents a student who is a member or who is eligible to be enrolled as a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe from wearing traditional tribal regalia or objects of cultural significance at a graduation ceremony.

Effective: April 20, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2830 (Chapter 424): alternative organization; community college districts

Decreases the number of full-time equivalent students a provisional community college district must meet to organize to a community college district from 900 to 450.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2832/SB 1717 (Chapter 43 E RFEIR): teachers academy; revisions.

An emergency measure that makes multiple changes to the Arizona Teacher's Academy (Academy), including expanding Academy eligibility to individuals who commit to teach in schools that primarily serve public school students with disabilities, allowing Indian tribal postsecondary institutions that offer teacher education programs to participate in the Academy and removing the requirement that a student be enrolled full-time to qualify for an Academy scholarship.

Effective: March 8, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2862 (Chapter 299): schools; instructional time models

Permits a school district or charter school to adopt any instructional time model to meet the minimal statutory annual instructional time and hour requirements for average daily membership, daily attendance and student count. Outlines instructional time modalities, remote instruction limitations and funding calculations.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2863 (Chapter 381): ASDB; local education agencies

Classifies the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) as local education agencies for the purposes of federal funding, accountability, providing a free and appropriate public education, individualized education programs and graduation criteria. Outlines requirements for ASDB for the 2021-2022 school year.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1028 (Chapter 57): alternative assessment study committee

Establishes the Alternative Assessment Study Committee (Study Committee), outlines its membership and details what it must discuss and evaluate. Requires the Study Committee to submit a report of its findings by December 1, 2021.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1097 (Chapter 65): pupils; excused absences; mental health

Directs the Arizona Department of Education to identify and adopt rules that constitute an absence due to a pupil's mental or behavioral health as an excused absence.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1114 (Chapter 123): schools; required posting; abuse hotline

Instructs each public school to post a sign in a public area of the school that contains specified information regarding the reporting of child abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1139 (Chapter 67): classroom site fund; distribution

Modifies how school districts and charter schools (schools) must allocate Classroom Site Fund (CSF) monies by eliminating the requirement that 40% be used for teacher compensation increases, 20% for teacher base salary increases and 40% for maintenance and operation purposes. Allows a school to spend CSF monies on student support services.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1165 (Chapter 68 W/O): schools; performance evaluations.

Exempts public schools from being required to conduct teacher and principal performance evaluations for the 2020-2021 school year. Allows an eligible teacher to receive performance pay from the Classroom Site Fund without a regular evaluation for effectiveness in the 2020-2021 school year.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1236 (Chapter 188): college savings program; name change

Changes the name of the *Family College Savings Program* to *AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan*.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1296 (Chapter 141): collegiate athletics; compensation

Prohibits postsecondary institutions from restricting a student athlete's ability to earn compensation from the use of their own name, image or likeness provided that doing so does not violate relevant intellectual property laws, team contracts or the regulations of the relevant national association for collegiate athletics.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1301 (Chapter 142): Arizona health education centers; increase

Creates a sixth area health education center for Arizona Area Health Education System that focuses on the Indian health care delivery system.

Effective: March 26, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1308 (Chapter 242 RFE): postsecondary board; tuition recovery fund

Caps the annual assessment that a private postsecondary education institution (institution) must pay to the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education (Board). Outlines the institutions that must pay the annual assessment and establishes additional notification and review procedures for the Board. Contains a Proposition 108 clause.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1376 (Chapter 445): schools; curriculum; mental health

Instructs the State Board of Education to require that all public school health education courses include mental health instruction. Requires mental health instruction to incorporate the multiple dimensions of health as outlined.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1401 (Chapter 446): alternative teacher development program; extension

Extends the Alternative Teacher Development Program to July 1, 2030.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1404 (Chapter 147): NOW: state seal of biliteracy; assessment

Allows a student to pass any English language arts examination to receive a high school diploma with a state seal of biliteracy.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1420/HB 2458 (Chapter 42): consular identification; validity; biometric verification

Authorizes a consular identification card as a valid form of identification for the state and its political subdivisions provided that the foreign government issuing the card uses biometric identity verification techniques.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1453 (Chapter 315): NOW: community colleges; four-year degrees

Allows community colleges to offer accredited four-year baccalaureate degrees. Details the amount, by percentage, of baccalaureate degrees a community college may offer, dependent on the county in which the community college is located. Establishes various rules and reporting requirements for community colleges with baccalaureate degree programs.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1572 (Chapter 434): schools; early literacy

Creates a literacy endorsement requirement for certificated teachers who provide literacy instruction in kindergarten programs or the 1st-5th grades. Exempts a certificated teacher from being required to complete the prescribed coursework, training or assessment requirements needed to obtain a literacy endorsement if it is verified that the teacher possesses the necessary instructional knowledge and skills. Delays dyslexia screening and training requirements for schools.

Effective: September 29, 2021

Click [here](#) for bill history.